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For:	METHODS FOR PROTECTING SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE AND INHIBITING BREAKS DURING DRAWING OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-INDUCING PARTICULATES	

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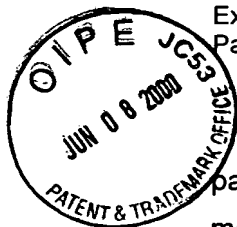
The Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the following reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. One copy of the reference(s) is enclosed.

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